

One Hundred and Six of my friends and co-workers died in the collapse of the World Trade Center towers on 9/11/01. My husband escaped with his life and managed to save the lives of thirteen strangers in the process. The sacrifices and heroism of my loved ones honors our great nation and should never be mocked by allowing propaganda on the public's airwaves. Sinclair's actions are corrosive to our Republic and should be immediately stopped in honor of those we lost on 9/11.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.